### DAY OF GOOD OMEN FOR LONG LIFE.

Receives Congratulations While Her Granddaughter Alix Puts on the Crown of Kussia-Prince Edward Amuses His Royal Great Grandmamma When Not with the Intervening Oneens Alexander and May.

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LONDON, May 1.—It is the most singular fact that, while one of the most powerful nations in the world is building powerful nations in the world is bulleting p commerce, protecting herself from en-posement, and waging war with in-ruders, the entire line of living legiti-nate belrs lives a life of the utmost amunity from all cares of state. The exact duplicate of this state of affairs loses not exist anywhere upon the face of the earth

The living successors to the English throne are four They are headed and represented by Victoria, the Queen, who is now celebrating her 77th hirthday, and who, for all matters of state, is useless. For five years Victoria has been an old woman. News is broken to her gently, the Windsor cable having long since been abolished as far as she is concerned. For three years she has been helpless in her limbs, requiring the con-

ing thought is to keep alive. A year of existence to her at this critical starce of her falling physical power is valued by her to such an extent that she does not allow even be. even her kingdom to give her a

g birthday. Victoria was told many ars ago, by soothsayers, who amused a indsor family gathering, that her Ma-

jesty would be in peril physically in the latter part of her 76th year. But if she passed that time safely her 77th year would be full of strength and promise for another ten years of life. Seven has si-

for wanting to see her descendants upon thrones. The marriage of Alix, daughter of Alice of Eigland, to the Czar, gave her untold pleasure. The fact that Alix is crowned simultaneously with her own

birthday gifts.

The Queen's occupation is checker-playing. After her long morning massinge, a board is drawn up in front et her, and a lady of honor takes her place opposite. The Queen plays a fairly good game, and she likes to win. Her lady of honor beats a game a day. That is apposed to keen

one game a day. That is enough to keep royalty unperturbed. Often little Prince Edward is beld up to the board and his chubby finger guided by the lady of

The drive of the day behind the donkey

in the donkey-eart is a matter of neces-sity. It has become painful to the Queen, who would gladly give it up if she dared

do so, but with no exercise she becomes too bulky. The conservatory walks are things of the past, and the whole empire to the Queen is narrowed down to a few

other point makes this birthday par-

WITH ENGLAND'S FOUR HEIRS | ple will always call young and beautiful, has waited for her opportunity to rule England as Queen Consort. And in the most amiable way she has bided her

The life of the one who now, in the Queen's weakness, begins to be thought of as Queen Alexandria, is more varied than that of Victoria. But it is an alto-

than that of Victoria. But it is an altogether peaceable life, not like the life of our public women. Never in her thirty-three English years has this daughter of Denmark taken a hand in politics, not even when importuned by her chum, Lady Randolph Churchill, or her former friend, Lady Brooke.

ALEXANDRIA'S YEAR.

The life of the Princers of Wales divides itself into three parts, each as remote from the throne as the life of an American country-woman. In the winter she is south at health resorts. In the summer she is at one or the other of the pleasant country places. In spring

winter she is south at health resorts. In the summer she is at one or the other of the pleasant country places. In spring and fall she gets to Sandringham, and there the people have a glimpse of her sweet face as she attends the races—almost a national institution abroad—and wears pretty gowns at hospital openings and bazaars for charity. Her only real touch of power is when she gives her hand to be kissed at the drawing-roome, which she is obliged to hold now.

Queen Alexandria's greater half of the year is spent at a pretty summer castle, where she takes the simplest of country pleasures. Mornings she rides gentle jaunts upon the back of an inoffensive donkey, and revels in the society of her grandchildren, for whom she has a love second to no living grandmamma. Alexandria's speculiarly fond of her children. The loss of the Duke of Charence, a few years ago, temporarily unblinged her mind. Were the others to drop away as Victoria's children have died, there is no doubt but that Alexandra would be insane, like Elizabeth of Austria.

Since there are four heirs and queens to the throne of England now living. Victoria can look down the line, and see future feminine wearers of the crown unto many generations ahead.

One of these is the Frincess May.

Princess, and as such is dearer to the heart of Victoria than any other relative by marriage has ever been, for her Ma-jesty has always been disposed to look critically upon the conduct of the relaives-in-law that have come to Windsor

When Victoria takes off her crown forever, and lays aside her gold-headed cane for good, there will step into her shees a woman who will endeavor to cane for good, there will step into at shoes a woman who will endeavor to point all things in the same direction. But certain changes will be immediately made. For one thing, all the widows of the court will marry. It is not royal etiquette for them to take another husband while their royal mistress remains single, but the widows of the castle will become the Merry Wives or Windsor before the year of state mourning has passed. Victoria has never smiled upon second teria has never smiled upon second unions, and, for that reason, her widowed daughters are all single, but that there will be a change in this custom rumor loudly states.

heirs to a great throne must be schooled on all matters of state. But this is not true of the women, whether they be ac-tual heirs or queens consort. The women of English royal life are not supposed to touch affairs of state in any way.

The life of a princess of the royal blood consists in exercising, keeping herself strong and ruddy, and in being agreeable to the people. She must be liked by the tradesmen and the servants, by statesmen and by society. The Empress Frederick would never submit to this passive life, and her unpopularity is the result, with the admiration of a few.

All the queens-to-come of England have

be distributed in the fourth generation. When Victoria takes off her crown JOHN RANDOLPH'S RIDE. THE STEEPLE-CHASE HE LED W. H.

CRAWFORD. A Reminiscense of Virginia Hospitality in 1810-The Georgia Senator's Christmas Dinner, and How He Earned It.

tury there lived in Charlotte county, Va., John Randolph of Roanoke, the most remarkable man of his day and generation.
He was universally and profoundly learned. For eloquence unsurpassed, for withering sarcasm unrivalled, and for eccentricity process. tricity unequalled, he was and will ever be a study; for he was the peer of any man in all things which men call greatness, attributable to genius and intellect.

Mr. Randolph permitted but few men to enjoy his intimate friendship, and of that very few we may mention the names of the following gentlement Dr. John Brockenbrough, of Richmond; Francis S. Key, of Maryland (the author of Starspangled Hanners; Judse Roane and Latteton Walter Tagswell, of Virginia; Nathaniel Macon, of North Caronia; and William H. Crawford, of Georgia-all men romarkable for learning, genus, and intellect.

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All the queens-to-come of England have fads. The reigning Queen's fad is for simple, childish games. She watches the paper dolls of the Battenburg children, and laughs at them. She loves the simplest games of cards. Her fad is for house games of the quieter sort, and a hundred a year of them have sprung up in England.

The fad of the Wales Princess is outdoor life. She breathes only when under the sky. She rides her donkey half the day, and walks with her dogs the other half. The fad of Princess May is her bables, and never will she stop talking about them. Twenty new babr patents from bonnets to carriages, are sent her a day for expressions of approval.

Victoria's birthday will be spent reading Gladstones' congratulatory letter to her. To Gladstone the Queen is still a girl, and he gives her abov. careful advice. The remainder of the day will be spent over the telegrams and the birthday-dinner. Then will come the game of checkers, and later, carried by her dusky servants, the greatest monarch in the world will go to bed to fall asleep praying for

isilo. Mr. Randolph had an attack of periodical gout, and went home to Roanoke.

But before leaving Washington he learned that his friend Crawford intended visiting Georgia during the Christmas holidays on important business, and us he lived immediately on the route the Georgia Senator had to travel, he made him agree that he would call at Roanoke and eat his Christmas dinner. To this Senator Crawford agreed, and true to his promiss reached Roanoke, the home of Mr. Randolph on Christmas eve, the 24th of December, 1810.

The usual custom of those days with gentlemen travelling was in the old-fashioned two-whoeled gig. Mr. Randolph was, of course, much pleased to receive so distinguished a guest. Senator Crawford save he found Mr. Randolph greatly improved in health since he parted with him in Washington city, and in fine flow of spirits. They sat up till a late hour discussing the political news of the day, and men as statesmen, warriors, needs, and philosophers. On retiring to bed Mr. Randolph remarked to not dainguished friend, that he had been invited to take Christmas dinner with an old and esteemed friend, and they i masmuch as he did not know whether he, Crawford, would come or not, he had promised to attend, and added that if he, Crawford, would consent to go, they would "ride over in the morning."

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last relief came, for the party reached Jusize Leight's about 1 o'clock. Mr. Crawford was greatly exhausted, and his pants, having slipped above his knees, his iers were scratched by briars, bruised by fence-rails, and sapilings, and chafed no little by ine stirrup-leathers.

The premises were throused with some half-dozen packs of hounds that had Joined the Christmas party on the route. The distinguished guests were received with much satisfaction and great consideration. The old-fashioned Virginia gentry were present in full force. The first thing that greated the visitors on their entrance into the mansion, after the usual salutations and introductions, was an immense silver bowl full to overflowing with hot accidetody. While Mr. Crawford enjoyed the warm toddy, yet he was suffering greatly from the terrible morning ride; still neither Mr. Randoiph nor any of the party made any allusion to it. Dinner being announced, Mr. Crawford found much difficulty in getting to the table, still there was no allusion made to the morning ride.

After being seated around the table for several hours, and after having eat and drank through a truly Christmas course, and undergoing the excitements of the rich food and viands, discussions and speech-making, in addition to his corporeal suffering from the ride, suddenly the distinguished Georgian wished to be excused. He informed Judge Leigh that he would be glad to retire. But little sleeping was done, as the phantom of the black stud constantly aroused the great Georgian, who awoke himself more than ence by hallooing "Whoa—whoa, sit" and holding to the bedpest. About 11 o'clock on the next day Mr. Randolph went to the room of his friend and said: "Crawford, if you go to Georgia next winter call and see me; good-bye, old fellow." No alluston was made to the ride.

Senator Crawford did not set away from Judge Leigh's for several weeks, and in his last illness, whenever asked by his friends what was the matter with him, he always answered: "That morning ride with Jack Randolph, it

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OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE DELAWARE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF
THE STATE OF PENNSY IVANIA. MADE TO THE LAWS OF PRINCE
ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PRINCE
OF THE LAWS OF SAID COMMONWEALTH.

President—Tatinali Paulding.
Vice-President—Charles H. Yarnali. 7.7
Secretary—Henry Lydburn.
Principal Office—Third and Walnut streets.
Organized or incorporated, April 10, 1835; communication business, August 6, 1835.

I. CAPITAL. 

Total values of said mortgaged premises (carried inside)...\$243,500

ACCOUNT OF BONDS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND OF THIS BTATE AND OF OTHER STATES, AND ALSO OF BONDS OF INCORPORATED CITIES IN THIS STATE, AND OF ALL OTHER BONDS AND STOCKS, OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY.

Bonds of the American Steamship Com-Bonds of the American Steamship Com-pany
Bonds of the city of Newark, N. J.
Bonds of the city of Camdon, N. J.
Bonds of the City of Springfield, III.
Bonds of the Philadeiphia and Reading Railroad Company, First Series Stamped
"D's"
Bonds of the Allentown Terminal Railroad 00,000 00 100,000 00 Bonds of the Allehigh Valley Railroad Com-pany, Consolidated
Bonds of the Pennsylvania and New York
Cannal and Railroad Company.
Philadelphia, Wifmington and Palitimore
Railroad Company trust certificates.
Compronies bonds, State of Tennessee.
Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Com-pany Cur Trust loan
Stock of the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-pany to the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-100,000 00 80,000 00 40,000 00 40,000 00 25,000 (0) pany
Bonds of the Pittsburg, Youngstown and
Ashtabula Railroad Company.
Bonds of the Baltimore Beit Railroad Company
Bonds of the Northern Pacific Raffroad
Company, Pend D'Osollie division.

St. Louis Merchants' Bridge Terminal 1,000 00 1,010 00 Company

Delano Land Company mortgage bonds...

Stock of the Philadelphia Bourse

The Mortgage Trust Company of Penn-Bonds of the State of Georgia.

Bonds of the city of Richmond, Va.

Bonds of the Wilmington and Northern
Railroad Company
Block Underwriters' Salvage Company, of
New York
Bonds of the Brooklyn Wharf and Warehouse Company 25,000 00 500 00

Total par and market value (carried out at market value) ... \$001,800 00 \$957,240 00

Cash in the company's principal office. ... \$001,800 00 \$957,240 00

Cash belonging to the company deposited in bank

Gross premiums (as written in the policies) in course of collection, not more than three months due.

Bills receivable, not marured, taken for fire, marine, and inland risks. \$987,249 00 \$987,249 00

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risks.

All other property belonifing to the company, viz.; Rents due and accrued, \$620.84; sottling agent of company at Liverpool, \$25.30; sundry \$13,063.92; total Aggregate amount of all the assets of the company, stated at their actual value

III. LIABILITIES. 

Net amount of unpaid losses.

Gross premiums received and receivable upon all unexpired fire risks, running one year or less from date of policy, including interest premiums on perpetual fire risks, \$524,074.74; uncarned premiums (50 per cent.). of policy, \$394,824.82; unearned premiums (pro rata).....

Total unearned premiums as computed above (carried out).

Amount reclaimable by the insured on perpetual fire insural cies, being 95 per cent, of the premium or deposit received.

Cash dividends to stockholders remaining unpaid.

All other demands against the company Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus. 3 641,334 71

Foint-stock capital actually paid up in cash. 702,875 00

Eurplus beyond capital and all other liabilities 169,368 37

Aggregate amount of all liabilities, including paid-up capital stock and net surplus IV. RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Entire premiums collected during the Entire premiums collected during the year \$103,746 72 year \$915,250 50 \$163,746 72 Deduct reinsurance, rebate, abatement, and return premiums \$220,500 06 37,402 40 

V. DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

Gross amount actually paid for losses (including \$150.846.16 losses occurring in pravious years) 4502.053 81 \$183,184 92 Deduct all amounts actually received by salvages and for reinsurance. 27,028 85 25,206 16 Net amount paid during the year for

Net amount paid during the year for losses | 1022.043 72 |

Cash dividends actually paid stockholders (amount of stockholders dividends declared during the year, \$42.172.50 |

Bertp or cartificates of profits redeemed in cash, \$15. interest paid to scripholders, \$16.20; total |

Bard for commission or brokerage | 158,413 44 |

Paid for salaries, fees, and all other charges of officers, clerks, agents, and all other employes | 74.505 25 |

Paid for State and local taxes in this and other States | 50.675 63 |

All other payments and expenditures | 77,365 96 |

Aggregate amount of actual disbursements during the year, in cash.\$ 906,267 70

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

(Signed)

(Signed)

(Signed)

(Signed)

(Signed)

(HENRY LYLBURN, Secretary

(State of Pennsylvania, county of Philadelphia-25.

(Seal.)

Subscribed and sworn to January 16, 1896, before

(Seal.)

RICHARD H. REILLY,

Notary Public.

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RICHMOND, VA.

# Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

of less than three years.

to the Queen is narrowed down to a few castles, where the occupant of the greatest throne in the world looks out upon a little ratch of English scenery, and receives the congratulations of her subjects upon another year of her reign. It is an even, uncheckered existence, in striking contrast to the fewered life led by former queens of the throne of England.

The next incumbent of the throne is the Queen's sen, the Prince of Wales, but interest in his generation centres around his popular wife, who will be the one to change the tide of it all. No matter who may be his princess, how English her blood, or how conservative her thought, the stars have decreed that the reign of domestic transquillity shall

THE PEACEFUL LIFE OF THE NEXT THREE OCCUPANTS OF THE THRONE IS THE DESPAIR OF THE May threatens to be another Queen Nictoria. She is like the Queen in every respect. Her mother is Victoria's own cousin. May might be Victoria's daughter, and is more like her than any of her own children.

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The reign of Queen May—which may begin suddenly, just as the young Kaiserin of Germany was thrust upon the throne, when she supposed she must wait for two generations before her turn at ruling came—will be a Victorian reign. This young lady will undoubtedly reproduce Victoria's early reign. Everybody who lived in the fifties remembers what that was. "The family" was all one heard. Victoria devoted herself to the raising of her childen; and it was fashionable to walk in the streets at daytime with as many well-dressed little ones and their nurses as could be mustered up. The Frincess May la precisely the same in tone and desire. She loves her bables, and devotes herself to them assiduously, seldom letting a nurse relieve her. When she went to the Saxe-Coburg-Gotha wedding the other day, she trotted along little Prince Edward of York, a baby of less than three years.

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The pastime of the Duchess of York is the care of her babies and the entertain ing of her mother-in-law. The two are inseparable, and only the insects that he in the grass and the birds in the trees overhead will ever tell what their conversation is. Do they talk of their days of ruling England? And do they either one of them propose to become active in public life? Both have thus far refused to add their names to petitions with the public life? Both have thus far refused to add their names to petitions with the smack of anything strong-minded upon them. No temperance causes, no clean elections, no pure or impure concerthalis have interested them. Their province has lain in home, and in that which was purely ornamental.

The little fellow, Prince Edward, who now leave in his mother's gruss; will be

VIENNA, May 7.—The Reichsrath to-day passed the third reading of the Gov-ernment electoral reform bill by a vote of 234 to 19. The bill adds seventy-two members to the existing 353 deputtes in the Reichsrath, the additional members to be elected by universal suffrage.

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